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Admiral Stansfield Turner  
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RE: Dr. Nicholas George Shadrin

Dear Admiral Turner:

When Ewa Shadrin and her counsel Richard Copaken questioned you October 11th, 1977, about your August 30th, 1977, CBS Morning News statement, "One can hypothesize that he defected on his own voluntarily," you asserted you had been taken by surprise by the question.

CBS tells me an executive is NEVER interviewed "cold". The person to be interviewed is given the subject matter to be covered, not the specific questions, but the subjects that will be covered. The person to be interviewed has his staff "pepper" him with every conceivable question on the subject; he is NEVER taken by surprise. Unfortunately, CBS had not kept a copy of the subject matter given to you for study and review prior to your Morning News interview, but I was assured you had NOT been taken by surprise.

It would be so simple for the U. S. intelligence agencies if Nick Shadrin could be discredited. I suspect that you originally concurred in the hastily devised policy to discredit Nick. However, after I have seen your personal correspondence to Nick, which Ewa has recently found in his files, I realize it has been extremely difficult for you to concur in such a decision.

Admiral Turner, I think of you and Dr. Marshall Schulman as the conscience of the Carter Administration. It takes a really "big" person to apologize. Therefore, I am asking that you talk personally with Ewa Shadrin and her counsel; let them know how sorry you are to have "distorted the truth" October 11th, 1977. Assure them that you are determined to exert every effort in Nick's behalf, that you refuse to go along with the present administration's decision to continue Kissinger's original decision of abandoning Nick Shadrin.

Most sincerely,

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